

Remarks

Applicant respectfully submits this amendment in full compliance with the Examiner's teaching in the non-final rejection of March 6, 2008. No arguments presented in this amendment.

Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1098(b)

The Examiner pointed out the IDS Statement entered with incorrect patent number and incorrect inventor name. In response, Applicant submitted an amended IDS Statement with corrections on *March 18, 2008* within one month of the Action date. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the IDS statement.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the Specification, stating grammatical vagueness in the recitation of "...for slow-downing..." in Page 4, line 16 of the Specification. In response, Applicant has amended it to read "...to slow down..." in the Specification and in Claim 1. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter with Applicant regards as the invention. In response, Applicant has amended the claims to fully comply with the Examiner's teaching as follows.

In line 9 of Claim 1, "a" is inserted after "by means of" to read "...by means of a hinge connection..." to correct grammatical vagueness.

In line 16 of Claim 1, "...for slow-downing..." has been amended to "...to slow down..." to correct grammatical vagueness.

In line 9 of Claim 2, "...the position where the knob contacts..." has been amended to "...a position where the knob contacts..." since 'position' does not have an antecedent basis.

In lines 9-10 of Claim 2, "...the state that the back support has been unfolded..." has been amended to "...a state that the back support has been unfolded..." since 'position' does not have an antecedent basis.

In line 5 of Claim 3, "...and *whose one end* contact the knob..." has been amended to "...and *one end of the stopper can* contact the knob..." to eliminate grammatical vagueness.

In lines 5-6 of Claim 10, "...*the* outer circumferential surface..." has been amended to "...*an* outer circumferential surface..." since 'outer circumferential surface' does not have an antecedent basis.

In line 7 of Claim 10, "...*the* inner circumferential surface..." has been amended to "...*an* inner circumferential surface..." since 'outer circumferential surface' does not have an antecedent basis.

In line 11 of Claim 10, "...an oil which is filled..." has been amended to "...oil filled..." to eliminate grammatical vagueness.

Conclusions

Applicant has amended Claims 1-3 and 10 to thoroughly reflect the Examiner's teaching and suggestions. Claims 4-9 each depend from one of the amended claims and thus remain unchanged. Applicant now believes that Claims 1-10 are in condition for allowance and respectfully submits that a timely notice of allowance be issued on this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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